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## BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2019

Fiscal Services Division

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### Inmate Tort Claims Fund

#### Purpose

Iowa Code section 904.311 creates an Inmate Tort Claim Fund under the control of the Director of the Department of Corrections (DOC). The Fund is used to reimburse offenders in the institutions for the damage or loss of property caused by the DOC. A single loss may be no more than \$100. An example of an eligible claim for reimbursement is the replacement of an offender's radio damaged by staff during a cell extraction. Claims for damages in excess of \$100 are submitted to the State Appeal Board under Iowa Code chapter 669.

#### Receipts and Expenditures

Average annual expenditures from FY 2014 through FY 2017 have been increasing and have averaged \$3,500 per year. Any year-end Fund balance carries forward to the next fiscal year. The correctional institutions transfer General Fund money as needed to the Fund to meet expenses.

#### Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [669](#) and [904](#)  
Iowa Administrative Code [201](#)

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#### More Information

Department of Corrections: [doc.iowa.gov](http://doc.iowa.gov)  
Iowa State Appeal Board: [dom.iowa.gov/state-appeal-board](http://dom.iowa.gov/state-appeal-board)  
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